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In re Application of :  
Paul F. Connelly, Jr. : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/819,201 :  
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Attorney Docket No. PRC 00422 :

The facsimile papers filed on May 14, 2003 are being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the examiner's holding that this application stands abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter dated April 18, 2002. No fee is required for the petition.

The petition is dismissed.

The petition is not signed. Therefore, the petition cannot be treated on its merits. Parenthetically, it is noted that if petitioner had filed the petition prior to the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment, the paper would have been treated as a submission of a duplicate paper, but a signed statement to the effect that the attached correspondence had been previously filed in the Office on a particular date would still have been necessary.

Petitioner may submit a renewed petition, without fee, provided that the renewed petition is filed within two months of the date of this decision. See 37 CFR 1.181(f). No fee is required for the renewed petition. The renewed petition may take the form of a ratification of the petition filed on July 2, 2003.

PETITION DISMISSED.

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